

**Minutes of the meeting of Alconbury Parish Council
held on Tuesday 26th February 2019 at Alconbury Memorial Hall.**

Parish Councillors present: Mr. C. Bodley (Chairman), Mrs. T. Gilbert, Mr. M. Gunney, Mrs. S. Brawn, Mr. R. Johnson, Mr. T. MacLennan, Mr S Tarabella

Also present: Mr I Gardener (County Councillor) and 0 parishioners.

Public Open Forum: No members of the public present this evening.

1. Apologies for absence:
Mrs L. Adams and Ms C Copley (Clerk), personal
2. Declaration of Interests:
Councillor Gunney declared an interest in item number 9, being trustee of the Alconbury Recreation Field Charity, and Councillor Tarabella expressing an interest in item number 11, being a trustee of the Memorial Hall.
3. To Approve and Sign the Minutes of Last Meeting 29th January 2019:
Councillor Tarabella proposed the minutes be approved and signed as correct with no changes, seconded by Councillor Brawn and unanimously agreed to do so. The minutes were not signed during the meeting as the Clerk was not present. They will be signed as soon as convenient by Councillor Bodley.
4. Reports from County and District Councillors.
County Councillor Gardener reported the following:
Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) are holding a public Information Event regarding the relocation of CCC headquarters to Alconbury Weald on Thursday 28th February 2019 (16.00 to 20.00 at the Club Building).

Ofsted undertook an unannounced two week inspection of Children's Services in Cambridgeshire in January. The report recognised that foundations are in place to deliver positive change and a much improved service. Ofsted were impressed by the 'Missing Exploited' and 'Trafficked Hub' initiatives which ensure that any young person who is missing from home or care, has the opportunity to speak to an independent person about issues troubling them.

Bus services across the County will be protected, whilst the Combined Authority's Bus Review continues.

The East/West rail exhibition held at the Priory Centre in St Neots was attend by County Councillor Gardener – there are 5 proposed routes for the line between Bedford and Cambridge, all to the South of Huntingdon.

The 'RePaint' scheme which started 8 years ago has collected over half a million litres of paint. The collected paint is sorted, tested and re-manufactured so that it can be resold or donated to the community.
5. Update on Repurposing of Crown Gardens
Following the communication received from Sonya Fitt, Luminus on 29th January 2019 there has been ongoing communication with Councillor Bodley regarding the lack of consultation with the village and Parish Council. Councillor Bodley is actively seeking clarification regarding any planning permission required for the site with District Councillor Jim White.

6. Update on the Electric Vehicle Charging Workshop.

Councillor Johnson has designed a brief survey to ascertain the appetite for a vehicle charging point in Alconbury. It was suggested that this survey is posted electronically (SurveyMonkey) on 'Nextdoor Alconbury' the Alconbury Community facebook page. Hard copies would also be available at strategic points around the village. The deadline for completion of the survey would be 30th April 2019 to allow for collation of responses, in time for the County Council deadline May 2019. Councillor Bodley to contact the Clerk to progress.

Emily Bolton of Cambridgeshire County Council should be invited to our next Parish Council meeting, to give a presentation on electric vehicle charging points.

7. Flood Management Updates.

Councillor Johnson attended the Alconbury Brook Flood Management Committee meeting held on Monday 4th February 2019. Points to note included:

The Environment Agency are progressing with upstream flood management initiatives to alleviate flooding in the Alconbury catchment.

Ability of local flood groups to closed local roads in a flood event. This is still in discussion with Cambridgeshire County Council. Once this is resolved the Alconbury Community Flood Plan will be finalised and posted to the Parish Council website.

Changes to flood alert arrangements

Introduction to the new Highways Manager.

Additional CCTV proposed by Councillor Johnson. The Environment Agency have confirmed that they will not support this initiative.

Councillor Bodley will contact the village school to arrange for a presentation of the lego flood kit model which demonstrates how flooding works.

The Flood Kit Store has been installed and is now in use. Key custodians: Councillor Gilbert and Councillor Johnson.

8. Alconbury Sports & Social Club

January 2019 has been quiet for the club as expected. A gin festival is planned in May 2019.

9. Alconbury Recreation Field Charity

The ASSC committee met recently reviewing it's future strategy. A new accountant is sought.

Installation of the new oven is progressing and plans are in place to request a further grant from Woolley Hill Wind farm fund to complete the works.

10. Community Orchard/Trees

All trees have now been pruned. The orchard is looking well.

11. Memorial Hall

No meeting has been held since the previous Parish Council meeting. A new website is currently under development to combine hall bookings with general hall information.

12. Bramble End Playground

Playground in good order with no immediate works required. Inspection to include the adult equipment going forward. A report is required to be made to the national lottery fund and Councillor MacLennan to liaise with the Parish Clerk.

13. Youth Group

No report due to absence of Councillor Adams.

14. Police crime report
Not discussed due absence of the Parish Clerk
15. Alconbury Allotment Lease
Not discussed due absence of the Parish Clerk
- 16) Infrastructure report
- a) Churchyard - nothing of note
 - b) Village Green - nothing of note. HGV signage to be added to next parish council agenda.
 - c) Roads & footpaths:
The clerk met with the Rights of Way Officer from CCC but was unable to provide details due to absence. Of note: one of the residents of Coulson Way has carried out a significant amount of clearing of overgrowing vegetation along footpath no. 2, although it should also be noted that a certain amount of debris still remains. Action regarding footpath maintenance to be carried forward to next parish council meeting.
Polecat Lane, although dry currently it is in a less than ideal state of repair. The Parish Clerk to approach the A14 Legacy Fund to determine if this road could be resurfaced.
A block of concrete was noted at the bottom of Polecat lane potentially blocking access to the ford.
 - d) General - not discussed due absence of the Parish Clerk.
17. To discuss installation of defibrillator/s
Councillor Bodley to follow up with the Chairman of the ASSC regarding the defibrillator in place at the Sports and Social Club. This will be further discussed at the next parish council meeting.
18. Planning
Not discussed due absence of the Parish Clerk with the exception of the application detailed below:
17/02343/FUL - Land Adjacent 9 Rusts Lane Alconbury
AMENDED PROPOSAL/PLANS Retention of access/driveway to 9 Rusts Lane and erection of a 2-bed bungalow – an extension had been granted due to the timing of the parish council meeting. All councillors to review this revised application and submit any comments to the clerk on 27th February 2019.
19. Financial report. Not discussed due absence of the Parish Clerk
20. Correspondence; Not discussed due absence of the Parish Clerk
21. New agenda items for the next meeting
A village litter pick be carried out as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme (carried forward from January 2019 Parish Council meeting)
Parish Council meeting schedule – proposal to not hold a meeting in August and hold a meeting in mid December instead.
Revisit positioning of a litter bin at the Alconbury end of The Maltings footpath.

Date of the next meeting – Tuesday 26th March 2019, 7.30pm, Alconbury Memorial Hall

Meeting closed at 21.10

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